



October 9, 2018

The Department of Plant Pathology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison seeks an **Assistant Professor**. Details of the position are below and at the following link.

[https://www.ohr.wisc.edu/weblisting/External/PVLSummaryPrint.aspx?pv1\\_num=96133](https://www.ohr.wisc.edu/weblisting/External/PVLSummaryPrint.aspx?pv1_num=96133)

**Degree and area of specialization:** Ph.D. in plant pathology, plant biology, microbiology, entomology, or related discipline required.

**Minimum number of years and type of relevant work experience:** Candidates with a strong foundation in the principles and concepts of plant pathology and relevant research experience; effective oral and written communication skills; and a positive attitude for teamwork, including the ability to lead and motivate others, will be sought for this position.

**Position Summary:** The Department of Plant Pathology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison is searching for a tenure-track Assistant Professor of Plant Pathology. Applications are invited from individuals with expertise in any area of plant pathology. This faculty position is an academic nine-month appointment.

**Principal Duties:** This position will investigate aspects of plant pathology in areas of the incumbent's choosing with some emphasis on diseases pertinent to the production and trade of seed potatoes and will contribute to the teaching mission of the department. The incumbent will have access to rich intellectual, as well as infrastructural resources, with their administrative association with the nationally renowned Wisconsin Seed Potato Certification Program (WSPCP). The position carries an approximate 70% research, 20% teaching, 10% administrative distribution of effort, and a 9-month appointment (with opportunity to fund summer salary through other sources). An advisory group will support the incumbent in directing the WSPCP in initial years.

Focus areas could address various aspects of potato pathology, including, but not limited to: diagnostics; infection biology including plant defense mechanisms; ecology, epidemiology, genomics, or population genetics of pathogens relevant to seed potato production; and systems biology of seed potato production. We expect the incumbent to develop a program that bridges fundamental and translational research. Collaboration is expected with colleagues specializing in horticulture, microbiology, entomology, and related disciplines. The successful candidate will be expected to develop a vigorous extramurally-funded research program while teaching and mentoring graduate and undergraduate students. Teaching may include an introductory undergraduate biology and/or plant pathology course, and/or a senior capstone or graduate level course in the candidate's area of expertise.

**Additional Information:** The University of Wisconsin-Madison attracts outstanding graduate students and offers high quality research and teaching facilities, both in Madison and in Rhinelander, WI, at the Lelah Starks Elite Seed Potato Farm. The successful candidate will join a thriving community of potato researchers and extension specialists locally and nationally. Many opportunities exist on the campus for collaboration across a broad array of disciplines. Madison, the capital of Wisconsin, is a picturesque and progressive city with a strong economy and a vibrant cultural environment.

Anticipated begin date: July 1, 2019

Apply via [Jobs@UW](mailto:Jobs@UW). Application materials to be submitted include: 1) a letter of application; 2) a curriculum vitae; 3) one PDF document with statements of teaching and research interests; 4) one PDF document containing copies of undergraduate and graduate transcripts; and 5) contact information for three references.

Applications received by January 1, 2019, will be assured full consideration; review of applications will continue until a suitable candidate is identified.

Questions regarding the position may be directed to the position search committee chair, Dr. Amanda Gevens at Email: [gevens@wisc.edu](mailto:gevens@wisc.edu). Phone: 608-575-3029  
1630 Linden Drive, 689 Russell Laboratories, Madison, WI 53706-1598

Feedback, questions or accessibility issues: [ohrwebmaster@ohr.wisc.edu](mailto:ohrwebmaster@ohr.wisc.edu)

The University of Wisconsin is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. We promote excellence through diversity and encourage all qualified individuals to apply. The UW-Madison College of Agricultural and Life Sciences is committed to maintaining and growing a culture that embraces diversity, inclusion, and equity, believing that these values are foundational elements of our excellence and fundamental components of a positive and enriching learning and working environment for all students, faculty, and staff.